

RUTHLESS "SUB" WARFARE DENIED BY VON WIEGAND

Noted Journalist Says Germany "Does Not Dream" of Such a Plan.

AVOID BREAK WITH U. S.

Von Tirpitz in Exile and Bethmann-Hollweg Firmly Set Against Such a Policy.

By KARL H. VON WIEGAND, Staff Correspondent International News Service.
New York, Jan. 27.—The Kaiser, Hindenburg, the chancellor and myself will decide the question of a ruthless submarine war, if and when; and not Herr Heydenbrand and his party.

This expression of Gen. von Ludendorff, next to Hindenburg himself, not only the most important military figure, but also one of the most influential men in Germany, characterizes the submarine issue in Germany when I left there in December.

The remark, according to a friend of Ludendorff, was made by Germany's second military genius and strategist when Herr von Heydenbrand, the fire-eating leader of the Conservative or "Junker" party, announced in the Reichstag that he would renew the agitatory campaign for ruthless submarine warfare.

Unfortunately for him, Heydenbrand has fallen from his high estate. Once known as the powerful "Junker" or "Unwashed King of Prussia," Heydenbrand's influence and power have dwindled greatly since the beginning of the war. It was Heydenbrand who just before the Presidential election made a violent attack upon President Wilson in the Conservative organ, "Kreuz Zeitung," which resulted in the prompt confiscation of that issue by the government.

Same Situation Today.

The above expression attributed to Ludendorff characterized the submarine question in Germany in December. I am convinced that it characterizes the situation today. The "big four," and it they who together with the support of Count von Hertling, the Bavarian prime minister, are "running things" in Germany, are unanimous on that point.

It was inevitable and to be foreseen that the reply of the allies to the move for peace by Germany and President Wilson would result in renewed popular clamor in Germany for ruthless war on the sea against England and tremendous pressure upon the government. The attitude of the allies was certain to be made use of by the small but noisy "ruthless" party to stir up the people again. Notwithstanding that Heydenbrand, Reventlow and others have never wholly ceased their agitation and presented their views with great fervor, the popular clamor subsided. It became known that Hindenburg and Ludendorff frowned upon it and supported Bethmann-Hollweg's policy. That was enough. The public held that Hindenburg and Ludendorff had their reasons, that they knew best.

Ever since I announced to an unsuspecting world in December 1914—eight weeks before Germany gave official

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TWO PLAZES SCOURGE FOR TWO MILLION LOSS

Fire Destroys Two Blocks in Pittsburgh's Business Center.

(By the International News Service.)
Pittsburgh, Pa., Jan. 27.—Fire broke out shortly after 2 o'clock this afternoon in the Philadelphia Company Building at Sixth avenue and Grand street, but little more than a block from the scene of this morning's disastrous conflagration. A general alarm was turned in and the flames were soon brought under control.

Property damage of at least \$2,000,000 is represented by nearly a block of blackened ruins at Fifth avenue and Wood street, the center of the Pittsburgh shopping district, the result of one of the city's most disastrous fires which swept the block early today.

It was not until after 9 o'clock this morning, seven hours after the fire started, that the flames were brought entirely under control. Dynamite was used to prevent the further spread of the flames.

The following large establishments were destroyed:
McCroarty five and ten cent store, complete loss.
Frank & Seder, dry goods, complete loss.
Grand Theater buildings, including Davis Arcade and restaurant, Grand and Olympic theaters.

RAIDER OFF COAST, SHIPPING MEN HEAR

German Destroyer Believed to Be Waiting 600 Miles Out to Sea.

(By the International News Service.)
New York, Jan. 27.—A German raider, thought to be the St. Theodore, is now about 400 miles east of Sandy Hook, according to reports received in shipping circles here today. Shipping men here believe the St. Theodore is working about and waiting to make a drive against ships bound from the Gulf and South Atlantic points to the countries of the allies.

Warnings sent out during the night placed the St. Theodore in latitude 40 degrees north, longitude 60 degrees 20 minutes west, on January 19 at 7 o'clock in the evening.

The warning described the raider as a fully equipped, schooner-rigged vessel, 5,000 tons, 65 feet long with a single funnel.

2,000 Boston Housewives Launch a "Potato Strike"

Boston, Jan. 27.—Boston's potato strike is on.
Two thousand Boston housewives, rallying to the call for action made by their representatives at an enthusiastic meeting, opened the strike today and vowed to continue it until potatoes have been forced down from the present price of 70 cents a peck to 40 cents.

An egg strike probably will be the next in line.

TO LEAVE MEXICO

Orders to Evacuate Issued to Pershing and Force.

Definite orders for the withdrawal of Gen. Pershing's Expeditionary Force from Mexican territory have been dispatched, it was learned authoritatively here last night.

War Department officials were unwilling to admit that definite orders had gone forward and studiously avoided discussion of the Mexican situation. It was understood, however, that complete orders, covering every phase of the withdrawal program had been framed.

The Secretary of War refused to discuss the troop movements, even in the face of border reports announcing the transfer of Pershing's headquarters and advance base from Colonia Dublan to Ojo Fedeo, eighty miles north. This evoked the suggestion that the final orders might be embodied in a series of orders arranging the stages of the withdrawal from base to base, and that the actual order to cross the international boundary line might not be made public until the force was within immediate touch with the border.

At the close of the War Department's business day, army officers said, with great frankness, that if orders had gone from the department, they had been dispatched directly to Gen. Pershing and had not passed through the normal departmental channels.

Sen. Louis Cabreria, secretary of finance in Carranza's cabinet created a surprise at the State Department by calling formally to bid his official farewell. He told Acting Secretary Polk he was going directly to Mexico.

Mr. Cabreria had repeatedly asserted during the conference of the Mexican-American Commission that he had no intention of returning to Mexico.

He paid his respects to Counselor Frank L. Polk in the absence of Secretary of State Lansing.

"HUNGER STRIKER" FED FOR THE SECOND TIME

Mrs. Byrne Struggles But Doctors Push Rubber Tube Down Throat.

(By the International News Service.)
New York, Jan. 27.—Ethel Byrne was again fed by force in the workhouse at Blackwell's Island tonight. It was the second time it had been found necessary to resort to this measure since she began her hunger strike five days ago.

Soon after 9 o'clock, under the supervision of Dr. James P. Hunt, visiting physician of the workhouse, and his assistant, Dr. Irma Howard, a stomach tube was forced down the throat of the hunger striker.

She was held down and a gag was placed in her mouth. The tube was then inserted and liquid nourishment, consisting of a quart of milk and four eggs, was administered.

Burdette G. Lewis, commissioner of correction, early in the day had told Dr. Hunt to do what he thought necessary.

At 5 p. m. the following bulletin was issued about the condition of Mrs. Byrne: "Blood respiration normal; pulse normal; temperature slightly subnormal. No exercise taken today; face and hands washed for her; general condition improved."

"BATTLE OF THE COW" WAS BORDER COMEDY

Heifer Wanders Into Mexico and America Hears of Thrilling Struggle.

(By the International News Service.)
San Antonio, Texas, Jan. 27.—The battle of the cow will go down in history. That title embraces the strange and substance of the embroiled rags along the border at Ruby, Ariz., between Carranzista soldiers and Mexican vaqueros on one side and American cow punchers and Utah guards on the other.

Brig. Gen. E. H. Plummer, commanding the Tucson district, made a report to Maj. Gen. Funston tonight.

A yearling heifer on the Arizona side near Ruby crossed the international boundary and trespassed on Mexican soil. Mexican vaqueros told the Gringos to go back. The Americans hesitated. Three Sonora Indians, wearing Carranza uniforms, appeared and fired on the cowboys.

The Americans sent for military help and eight members of Troop E, First Utah Cavalry, responded. Meanwhile shots were exchanged. The heifer crossed back to the American side of the border where she belonged. Brig. Gen. Plummer reported no casualties.

Thus ended the official report of the battle of the cow.

EIGHT HURT IN FIGHT.

New York, Jan. 27.—A "flying squad" of sixty strikers at the Havemeyer sugar refinery and about 500 employees who refused to walk out fought a battle with clubs and stones in the streets of Williamsburg today.

After the fight eight men were picked up insensible, suffering from severe head wounds. The "flying squad" fell on the night shift men as they emerged from the factory. A squad of police, with swinging night-sticks ended the fray.

CHEER IRISH REGIMENT.

Dublin, Jan. 27.—The sons and grandsons of Ireland—once removed, but still Irishmen—were mingling with "home boys" today.

Not even the regiments that have been raised in Ireland since the war have received such a cordial and vociferous welcome as did the Duchesse of Connaught's Own Irish Canadian Rangers on their arrival here. They are the sons and grandsons of Irish immigrants.

TEUTONS BATTLE AT VERDUN GATE

Berlin Claims French Counter-Attacks Were Unsuccessful.

Paris Reports Success.

(By the International News Service.)

London, Jan. 27.—Unceasingly the heaviest guns of the French and Teutons before Verdun roared today, foreshadowing continuation of the great battle for the French fortress, which was suddenly resumed by the crown prince three days ago.

Both the Berlin and Paris war office statements issued last night tell of violent artillery actions. These are believed to have been followed during the night by infantry assaults.

Two desperate attempts by the French in the last thirty-six hours to dislodge the Germans from their newly conquered positions on Hill 304 broke down with sanguinary losses under the Teuton fire, the German war office asserts. This conflict with the French official statement of Friday night, claiming recapture of lost positions. Yesterday's French day communiqué merely spoke of vigorous artillery fighting in the region of Eparges and around Hill 304.

The battle at Hill 304 continues with great violence. The French are making repeated assaults upon the positions captured by the Germans and have scored some successes, but have not succeeded in regaining all of the lost ground. The German reports assert what is doubtless true—that the French infantry have suffered severe losses in these attacks.

Russ Attack Repelled.

Berlin (via Sayville), Jan. 27.—Repulse of Russian re-inforcements attempting to regain ground taken by the Germans east of the River An was announced by the war office today in a statement on operations along the eastern front.

German troops continue to hold Hill No. 304 in the face of desperate attacks by the French to dislodge them, according to the official war office statement today.

Following an unsuccessful night attack, the French again hurled themselves against the German positions in the early hours of the morning, but the attack broke down in a sanguinary manner.

GERMANS LOSE ON RIGA.

Petrograd, Jan. 27.—German attacks on the Riga front have been repulsed with great losses to the enemy, the war office announced today.

Great panic was created among the Germans in the Mitten region by a Russian gas attack.

BULL MOOSE LEADERS DENOUNCED AT ALBANY

Independents Attempt to Rekindle Enthusiasm in "Unbossed" Party.

(By the International News Service.)

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 27.—An effort was made here today by Progressives to kindle a flame of political enthusiasm out of the ashes of their former militant party.

Col. Theodore Roosevelt and George W. Perkins were denounced as leaders who have led the Progressive party into its present predicament. Kings County representatives, along with up-State men, made a fight to prevent John J. O'Connell from becoming the dominant force in the reorganized Bull Moose meeting.

Resolutions were adopted reaffirming the principles of the 1912 platform, declaring that the newly organized Progressive organization for the present would decline to interfere in local political contests and outlining an idealistic course of procedure for the future.

Mr. O'Connell asked those present to help in preventing the party from ever getting into a position where it again would be interested in the gifts of one or two men for financial support. It was decided to make up a budget, each member of the new party to bear his share of the cost.

RUMORS OF TUMULT RESIGNING PERSIST

Newman Now Named, However, as Possible Successor.

A series of denials—official, official and hearsay—followed the publication of the rumor in The Washington Herald yesterday that the Secretary of the President, Joseph P. Tumulty would sever his connection with the White House in the near future.

None of the denials, however, was authoritative or specific enough to offset the fact that in Congressional circles the information was accepted as fact.

The resignation rumor was not offered as any reflection on the Secretary or his relations with the President. It was generally admitted that the relations between President Wilson and his Secretary are most cordial, but close friends of the Secretary declared he has received a business offer that is much more advantageous in a monetary way than his present position, and it was taken for granted he would accept the offer.

District Commissioner Louis Brownlow disclaimed any knowledge of his removal or specific rumors, and he was generally believed to be a successor to Tumulty, but those who profess to have authentic information declare that Commissioner Newman may be the official in mind. In both cases the appointment of Superintendent of Police Raymond Fullman as Commissioner was suggested.

TEA-TOPPER KILLS SELF.

New York, Jan. 27.—A nervous breakdown, caused by tea drinking, led Miss Bridget Gilroy, of Green Point, today to jump from a fourth floor window of St. Catherine's Hospital in Williamsburg. She was impaled on a picket fence and died instantly.

Coroner Wagner said that Miss Gilroy had tried to break herself free of the habit but had failed. Patrick Gilroy, her brother, said that she drank fifteen cups a day.

Augusta, Charleston, Summerville, Savannah, Florida, Cuba, Atlantic Coast Line, 1408 N. Y. ave. n.w. Adv.

Lieut. Guynemer Wings 30th Teuton Aeroplane

By International News Service.
Paris, Jan. 27.—Lieut. Guynemer, the sensational young French aviator, has increased his enemy aeroplane victories to thirty, the war office announced.

The official statement further details an attack on the railroad station and "certain military factories" at Ham, which resulted in fire and explosions.

Lieut. Guynemer is now within twelve miles of the high mark set by Capt. Boelke, the daring German, who brought down forty-two planes before he was killed.

"GYPSY" SMITH'S REVIVAL OPENS

Tabernacle Is Dedicated as Famous Evangelist Arrives in City.

"To These we dedicate this house."

With these words the tabernacle at Sixteenth and V streets northwest was formally opened last night. Gypsy Smith, Jr., who will conduct an evangelistic campaign here for the next month, arrived in Washington at 10:30 last night. He will preach his first sermon in the tabernacle this evening.

With a rugged yet inviting air the large frame tabernacle stands ready to receive the thousands who are to come. Long rows of pine board benches with comfortable backs provide seating space for 3,000. Six big-bellied stoves which will be kept going day and night provide plenty of heat. The place is excellently lighted.

The famed sawdust trail which seems to have come to be an inseparable part of revivals and which was originated by "Billy" Sunday was one of the most noticeable features last night.

Rev. Dr. John Carpenter Palmer, pastor of Washington Heights Presbyterian Church, and chairman of the executive committee in charge of the meetings, read the dedicatory service.

Rev. Dr. Joseph T. Kelly, pastor of Fourth Presbyterian Church, read scripture lessons from 2 Chronicles, fifth chapter, twenty-fourth Psalm and passages from Ephesians. Rev. Dr. H. E. Brundage, pastor of Eckington Presbyterian Church, offered prayer.

The chorus of 400 voices rehearsed under direction of J. W. Reynolds, of Eastern Church, formerly musical director for the Washington Post, sang hymns and choruses. The singers will be assigned to their respective seats which will be prominent throughout the revival. Miss Hoadland will be accompanist on the piano.

When Gypsy Smith, Jr., arrived here last night he was met by a committee at Union Station and escorted to the home of Mrs. Moncure Burke, 1510 Calvert street northwest. He and his family will be guests of Mrs. Burke during their stay here.

BABY FIRE VICTIM

Mother Braves Flames in Vain to Save Child.

While little 3-year-old Dorothy Tavenner was playing with her dolls in front of an open grate in her home at 1223 Eighth street northwest yesterday afternoon her dress caught fire.

She ran screaming into the arms of her mother, who exposed herself to severe burns in trying to save the life of her daughter. When the flames were extinguished the mother carried the unconscious girl into the street and hailed a passing automobile, in which a hurried trip was made to George Washington University Hospital.

The clothes of the child had been practically burned off, and she was badly burned from head to foot. The physicians made every effort to save the girl, but she died in two and a half hours after being admitted.

While the child was in the operating room the mother screamed in her anguish and pled to be allowed to see her daughter. The nurses restrained her and she was not permitted to see the girl until she was being buried last night. She fainted upon the operating room and fell fainting upon the form of her daughter.

The little girl was the daughter of Russell and Estelle Tavenner.

CAR OFFICIALS HELD

New York, Jan. 27.—Warrants for the arrest of President Edward A. Maher, Jr., and other officials of the Third Avenue Railway Company were asked by Assistant District Attorney Unger in Special Sessions today.

They are charged with disregarding a public service commission order in connecting two surface lines.

Paul Hinsley, professional chauffeur living at 154 F street southeast, was approached by a nattily dressed man last night who wanted to be driven to Rockville, Md.

While driving along near his destination, Hinsley felt a pistol pressed against his back and was commanded to alight from his automobile and walk. He obeyed and the stranger took the wheel and sped away.

The local police were notified but no trace could be found of the auto bandit.

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PEACE IN SIGHT, WILSON THINKS

Encouraged by Reception Accorded Idea—Awaits Germany's Move.

President Wilson was last night satisfied that his latest peace move has forced an immense stride toward the settlement of the European war. The President and his advisers were almost enthusiastically over the developments among the entente allies regarding the President's League to Enforce Peace program. They declared that only a forward step by the German allies was necessary to start the world on the high road to peace within reasonable time.

The administration looks for definite action from Germany on the President's latest peace proposal almost immediately. The President and his advisers believe that the conference of Teutonic leaders at German field headquarters on the occasion of the Kaiser's birthday yesterday will result in a definite peace move.

Unofficial advices from the Teutonic powers have recorded the development of a strong public sentiment for peace, and the apparent willingness of the German government to talk peace terms since the beginning of the peace discussions, is expected to result in a more or less definite endorsement of the President's plan.

PRESIDENT ENCOURAGED.

The official endorsement of the League to Enforce Peace Plan and the peace terms demanded by President Wilson in his Senate speech, by the Russian government, encouraged the President greatly. This endorsement, coupled with advices that public gatherings in England and France had demonstrated their endorsement of the plan, and that sentiment in Italy strongly favored the President's proposals, was accepted as showing clearly the development of a real peace sentiment among the entente powers for the first time since the President initiated his peace movement.

In this connection diplomatic Washington pointed out as significant the fact that the Russian peace statement makes three separate declarations from the entente powers on peace.

The first, formulated at Rome in reply to the President's peace note, was supposed to represent the views of all of the entente powers. But Great Britain found it necessary to make her own position clear outside of the joint note, and the Balfour note was forwarded to the President.

The Russian statement, differing from both of these, is plainly the most favorable peace declaration from any of the entente powers.

It was pointed out that these different viewpoints demonstrate at least that the entente powers are giving serious consideration to the President's proposals.

PRESIDENT IS GAME; "NIX," SAYS GRAYSON

Smile Vanishes From Face of Two-Bit Meal Advocate.

Said Mrs. Eula McClary, publicity representative of the Life Extension Institute of New York, "Mr. Wilson, will you try one of my 2-bit menus?"

Said President Wilson, "I will be glad to try it. As a nation, I believe we overeat."

Said Dr. Cary T. Grayson, the President's physician, "I believe President Wilson's approval of her two-bit diet plan, Mrs. McClary was about to leave Washington for New York City yesterday when a cloud appeared in the form of Dr. Grayson."

Mrs. McClary was told by "someone" to communicate with Dr. Grayson. In hurried excitement she did so, but what the President's physician had to say is not known.

In a sense Dr. Grayson is Mr. Wilson's dietitian. Frequently he advises him what he should and should not eat as any physician would his patient. Perhaps he told the President yesterday that he should not be experimented with.

Nevertheless, Mrs. McClary, before leaving here, declared that the menu she gave President Wilson contains 3,000 calories, which sounds like a whole lot.

BANDIT STEALS AUTO AT POINT OF REVOLVER

Chauffeur Has Gun Poked in Back and Relinquishes Car.

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Snow Blankets Capital; Rain on Bill of Fare Today

The long promised snowstorm arrived shortly before midnight. Not a frown storm either, but enough of a one to paint the landscape a peaceful Sabbath white.

It isn't scheduled to linger, however, for the Weather Man hoisted the "probable rain" sign, promising a mild temperature for this afternoon.

Tomorrow it will be unsettled, with a possible shower or two, tempered by moderate southwesterly winds.

DENIES EXTORTION

Says Inaugural Visitors Will Not Be "Stung."

President A. Leftwich Sinclair, of the Washington Chamber of Commerce, as chairman of the Committee on Public Comfort for the Inaugural, rose in arms last night against statements in the House and Senate as to the overcharging of inaugural visitors by local hotels and the general "extortion" practiced by restaurants and merchants.

"Comments such as these," he said, "lead the self-respecting business man to argue whether it would not be well for the inauguration ceremonies to be handled by a joint committee of the House and Senate, rather than by residents of the city, who receive nothing but censure and criticism for their work."

Mr. Sinclair declared that those responsible for these charges have made no attempt to ascertain the real facts. He showed by advance lists of places where the inaugural visitor may receive accommodations that there are hundreds of desirable homes, apartments, and small hotels where the visitor may be cared for at \$1 a day, and where both lodging and meals can be had for \$3 and less a day.

A number of prominent hotelmen yesterday declared that the charges as to "bleeding" visitors March 4 were just and without foundation. They pointed out that rates must necessarily be somewhat higher than the increased cost of living, and other items.

Col. Robert N. Harper, chairman of the inaugural committee, branded the statements coming from the Capitol as "mere rot."

Col. Harper and Attorney John E. Lee made a canvass yesterday to determine the status of the bill for appropriation of funds and the right to occupy public buildings.

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PRESIDENT INSISTS ON RAILROAD PROGRAM

Rejects Compromise Legislation Proposed by Railroad Brotherhoods.

Based on Two Points.
The widespread call from German themselves and from neutrals that the central powers definitely outline the terms on which they will be willing to end the struggle as did the allies.

The speech of the Hungarian premier Count Tisza, in which he clearly indicated that the central powers will make another peace move.

Aside from the peace motive of the gathering, it is expected that far-reaching plans for the welding more closely together the military and economic resources of the quadruple alliance will be mapped out.

Speculation is rife in official circles over these plans. It is generally conceded that the plans will be undertaken with characteristic thoroughness, and little doubt exists but that Germany and more particularly the German leaders, will handle the reins of power.

JAPANESE ARMY READY TO FIGHT WITH ALLIES

Mikado Preparing to Avenge Loss of Nippon Shipping, Paris Hears.

(International News Service.)

Paris, Jan. 27.—The arrival in Europe this spring of a large Japanese army fight side by side with the troops of England and France is forecast here as the probable answer to Japan to Germany's long-distance submarine campaign.

Heretofore, all suggestions of inviting Japan to supply an army to fight Germany on European soil have been rejected plans. "Truth and justice," said neither country has thought such intervention necessary to victory, and because in any case it would have to be paid for by them at the sacrifice of some of their Asiatic possessions.

It is now being talked in well-informed Paris circles, however, that the Mikado will voluntarily offer an army to punish Germany for the sinking of Japanese merchant ships.

This spring, Germany will be able to establish secret bases somewhere near the Straits of Magellan, enabling her largest ocean-going submarines to strike at Japan's trade with South American states and even to harry shipping in Chinese waters.

13,000,000 ENTENTE TROOPS LOST IN WAR

Russia Alone Has Lost 8,597,000 Men, Says Berlin Report.

(By the International News Service.)
Berlin (via Sayville wireless), Jan. 27.—The Society for the Investigation of Social Consequences of the War, which met in Copenhagen last August, has just completed figures showing the losses of England, France and Russia for the first two years of the war. They were given out today by the Overseas News Agency as follows:

England, 25,000.
France, 3,574,000.
Russia, 8,597,000.

The statistics include killed, wounded and missing. In commenting on the figures, the Overseas says:

"According to latest reports there are 2,000,000 British